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1. SUMMARY. IZVESTIYA HAS IMPLIED SOME DISCOMFORT OVER THE CDU GAINS IN THE MARCH 2 ELECTION IN WEST BERLIN, AND PRAVDA HAS EXPRESSED "SERIOUS CONCERN." BOTH, HOWEVER, TAKE SOLACE IN FACT THAT SPD/FDP COALITION WILL CONTINUE TO GOVERN THE CITY. END SUMMARY.

2. THE PRAVDA ARTICLE (MARCH 4; SIGNED BY YU. VORONOV AND A. GUBANOV), REFERRING TO THE ALMOST 6 PERCENT GAIN BY THE CDU, SAYS THAT "THESE RESULTS CANNOT BUT CALL  
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FORTH SERIOUS CONCERN IN DEMOCRATIC SOCIETIES. IT

SHOULD NOT BE FORGOTTEN THAT DURING THE COURSE OF THE CAMPAIGN THE CDU WHIPPED UP NATIONALIST AND REVANCHIST FEELINGS AND SUBJECTED BASIC PROVISIONS OF THE QA TO ATTACK."

3. HOWEVER, BOTH PRAVDA AND THE IZVESTIYA ARTICLE (SIGNED BY N. IVANOV) TAKE PAINS TO POINT OUT THAT THE SPD/FDP, WHICH HAVE EXPRESSED THE CONTINUITY OF THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE EASTERN TREATIES AND FOR THE QA, WILL CONTINUE TO GOVERN THE CITY. IZVESTIYA SAYS THAT PRE-ELECTION POLLS SHOWED THAT THE POLICY FOLLOWED BY THE RIGHTIST LEADERS OF THE CDU OF "ENMITY TOWARD THE GDR" IS NOT POPULAR WITH THE WEST BERLIN POPULACE. IT ALSO UNDERLINES THAT THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN TURNED PRIMARILY ON INTERNAL QUESTIONS, ESPECIALLY THE ECONOMY. FURTHER, BOTH SAY THAT THE LORENZ KIDNAPPING AFFECTED THE CAMPAIGN. ACCORDING TO PRAVDA, "THE ACTIONS OF THE LEFTIST EXREMISTS PLAYED INTO THE HANDS OF REACTION."

4. BOTH ARTICLES EMPHASIZE THAT THE QA HAS LED TO AN IMPROVEMENT IN AND A REGULARIZATION OF WEST BERLIN'S SITUATION. IZVESTIYA NOTES THAT ALL THREE MAIN PARTIES AGREED DURING THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN THAT THE QA PROVIDES FOR THE INCLUSION OF WEST BERLIN IN THE LEGAL, ECONOMIC, AND POLITICAL LIFE OF THE FRG. IZVESTIYA CONCLUDES THAT SUCH DEMANDS DO NOT FURTHER A RELAXATION IN TENSIONS IN CENTRAL EUROPE AND EMPHASIZES THAT OBSERVANCE OF THIS AND OTHER AGREEMENTS DETERMINE TO A LARGE DEGREE THE WELFARE OF THE CITY.

5. IZVESTIYA CONTRASTS THE "CLEAR PROGRAM" PROPOSED BY THE SED(W) WITH THOSE OF THE THREE MAIN PARTIES, MAKING POINT THAT THESE PARTIES ARE UNABLE TO DEAL WITH THE COMPLEX SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WHICH WEST BERLIN HAS ACQUIRED AS A RESULT OF ITS TIES WITH THE FRG. THE PAPER GIVES THE ACTUAL RESULTS OF THE ELECTION, HOWEVER, INCLUDING THE FACT THAT THE SED(W) GOT NO MORE THAN 1.9 PERCENT OF THE VOTE--A FACT WHICH MUST MAKE IZVESTIYA READERS WONDER ABOUT PRAISE FOR SED(W) POLICIES.

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